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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

AUSTRALIA.

Plague in Queensland and New South Wales—Examination of rodents for plague infection.

The following information is taken from plague bulletins received from Consul-General Bray at Melbourne:

PLAGUE.

QUEENSLAND—*Brisbane*.—Week ended February 9, 1907. Three cases, 1 fatal, occurred during the week. In the first case connection was shown with a produce store in which infected rats were found. Plague-infected rats were found in 1906 in the vicinity of the premises on which the other patients were employed. Rodents destroyed during the week, 700; examined, 461; found infected, 0.

Port Douglas.—Six fresh cases were reported during the week. Twenty-five cases are under treatment.

NEW SOUTH WALES—*Sydney*.—Week ended February 9, 1907. Four cases, 1 fatal, were reported during the week. In one case plague rats were found on the premises. Rodents destroyed, 1,457; examined, 1,457; found infected, 17.

Kempsey.—Case previously reported terminated fatally. Total number of cases, 4; deaths, 3; remaining in hospital, 1.

BRAZIL.

Report from Rio de Janeiro—Inspection of vessels—Mortality—Plague, smallpox, and yellow fever.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Stewart reports, March 13:

Week ended March 10, 1907. Vessels inspected and received bills of health: On the 4th instant the British steamship *Crown Prince*, for New York, with a cargo of coffee, no passengers, and with no change in the ship's personnel while in this port; on the 7th instant the British steamship *Tennyson*, for New York, with a small cargo of coffee, no change in the crew while in port, and with ——— first-class passengers, and ——— third class (or steerage) passengers taken on in this port; on the same date the British steamship *Bellena*, for New Orleans, with no passengers of any class, and with a cargo of coffee, and with no change in the personnel of the crew; and on the 10th